

AT 96 CHARLES H. HASWELL TOILS FOR CITY HE LOVES

For Seventy Years Employed in Doing Engineering Work for Federal and Municipal Governments—Relates Interesting Reminiscences of Old New York.

One of the most striking contradictions of Dr. Oaler's theory as to age limit is Charles H. Haswell, an assistant engineer in the office of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, who, although now in his ninety-seventh year, daily pursues his vocation.

Mr. Haswell celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday May 22 and to look at him he is good for several more birthdays. He has been doing engineering work for the Federal Government and the city most of the time during the last seventy years and has designed many public improvements that will stand for years a monument to his skill.

Seated at a window of his lovely home at No. 34 West Seventy-eighth street, overlooking the Hudson, Mr. Haswell last evening received a reporter for The Evening World. He is tall, well built and despite his great age, still quite active.

"I have much to be thankful for," he said. "I have seen this great city of ours grow from what you might call a hamlet to what it is. It has been one upward march of improvement and it looks as though it would never end."

The old gentleman grew reminiscent. He talked of bygone days as though they were but yesterday.

"Tell me about yourself," the reporter suggested. "To what do you attribute your good health and sturdy appearance?"

Mr. Haswell smiled. "I took good care of myself," he replied. "That is all there is to say."

Smoked for Seventy Years.

"Do you smoke?"

"I did until three years ago. Then I gave it up. I smoked for more than twenty years and it didn't hurt me."

"Liquor I always used temperately, but was never a total abstainer. I don't believe good liquor, if used moderately, will do much harm."

Again the old gentleman went back to New York's early days. He was born in North Moore street in 1809 and has lived in this city with the exception of the years spent in the Government's service, all his life. He comes of good, sturdy Irish stock, his father having been a native of Dublin and for years connected with the English diplomatic service.

"I went to school in this city," he said, "and when I left school I got employment in Allaire's steam engine works. There I got a good theoretical and practical knowledge of marine engineering, a knowledge that has stood me good all my life."

Seven years after entering Allaire's

Mr. Haswell received an appointment as Chief Engineer of the United States steam frigate Fulton, the engines and boilers of which he designed. Later he designed and built the large frigates Missouri and Mississippi and was sent to Buffalo, where he superintended the building of the steam frigate Michigan, which is still doing duty on the lakes.

In October, 1848, Mr. Haswell was commissioned Chief Engineer of the United States Navy, which position he held for eight years.

During that time he constructed many steam vessels, among them the famous Powhatan, in which ship Commodore Perry sailed to Japan to open up that country's ports to commerce.

Won Renown in Civil War.

During the civil war Mr. Haswell was continually in the Government's service, acting in various capacities. Once while in command of a small gunboat at the bombardment of Roanoke Island he won great distinction and renown by hauling the frigate Hatteras ashore on which she had grounded.

Mr. Haswell takes great pride in New York City. He believes that a fond attachment to one's city is not an unmetropolitan quality, and although New York is larger and grander now than ever, it is in these latter days that indications abound and multiply of a rebirth among us of civic pride.

"My recollections take me back," the old gentleman related, "to the old villages that formerly comprised New York. They were Harlem (One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Thirtieth street); Greenwich (Ferry to Hoboken); Bloomingdale, or Harsenville (on Broadway from Sixty-sixth to Seventy-third street); Manhattanville (about Manhattan street); Yorkville (in the vicinity of Eighty-sixth street and Third avenue); and Manhattan Island, as all that part of the city below Canal street on the west and below Prince and Rivington streets on the east side was called."

"My boyhood days were spent playing around Liepenth's Meadow, extending from Duane street to Broome street and from Broadway to the North River. As late as 1820 a cock-fight was practised pistol shooting at a target on a fence on Canal street between Broadway and Mercer street."

In a book published by Harper & Brothers in 1890, entitled "Reminiscences of an Octogenarian of the City of New York," Mr. Haswell describes the growth of the city in detail. He kept a diary, as was the fashion in his early days, and in it he relates all the curious happenings of the early life of our great city.

By Stage to Harlem.

Of the transportation facilities in those days Mr. Haswell relates that the public passenger conveyance to Harlem was by a stage leaving Harlem early in the morning, arriving in Park Row, and leaving there in the afternoon. Only seven or eight stages were in operation, employing but two boats that were propelled by steam, one to

Brooklyn and one to Jersey City, then known as Paulus Hook; all others were horse-boats or sail boats. Very often the stage to Jersey City was unable to make the trip because of severe winds from the north.

"There were no trusts in those days," remarked the old gentleman, seriously. "I was born in tin cans suspended from the carriers' shoulders—frequently women—and was supplied from cows within the city limits. Gentlemen went to market and carried home a turkey, a chicken or a leg of lamb."

He well remembers the introduction of the mules into this country. A young man, son of a well-known and respectable resident, returned from Europe with the upper lip adorned with a mustache. This was the very first display of the kind by an American in this city, and it was so obviously singular and exceptional that it occasioned much comment and criticism. This was in 1816, and so great was the departure from the custom of our people that it was not until a score of years after that they were at all assented to.

The full dress of a gentleman in those days was dark dress coat, with rolling collar running down low in front, short-waisted, white waistcoat, white hose to shirt knee breeches with gold buckles, black silk stockings and pumps, watch, chain and seal displayed pendant from a fob in the breeches.

Butchers Had Brass Bands.

The old gentleman's face beamed at the recollection. "I wonder what the people of this city would say now if the butchers did what they used to do in 1817. In that year, and for many years after, if a butcher became possessed of an exceptionally fine beef or a herd of sheep, he would parade them through the principal streets as Broadway, for instance, preceded by a band of music, stop before the house of each butcher, if he was expected of the order, and occupants to step out and give an order for such part of the animal as they pleased."

"Millionaires were not so plentiful those days. There were not ten families in the city that possessed a carriage. Most of the travelling was done in public conveyances."

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BROADWAY, 8TH & 9TH STS.

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"Times have changed somewhat from those days," concluded the old gentleman, "but for the better, as I believe."

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HOBOKEN GIRLS DANCE TOO MUCH

Mrs. Caroline B. Alexander
Thinks So and Starts a Move
to Stop Those Not Accompanied by Parents.

Over in Hoboken almost the only amusement of the working girls all the year round is dancing. There isn't a night when at least a half a dozen public dances are running and the same crowds of young girls are always at them.

Observing this, Mrs. Caroline B. Alexander, of the Stevens family at Castle point, decided some time ago that these dances were seriously menacing the morals of Hoboken's young women. So

at the meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to day she had a resolution passed demanding that the Council pass an ordinance prohibiting girls under eighteen years of age from attending dances unless accompanied by parents or a proper chaperon.

Major L. J. Barker, who was at the meeting, said he thought it would be a good thing too, and said the Council would pass such an ordinance at the meeting next Tuesday night. When this news got around Hoboken it will cause the greatest chagrin among the "spicars," as they are known in Jersey. Few of them are as old as eighteen and it's almost as bad as cutting off their food as to cut off their dancing.

MAN FALLS FOUR STORIES.

Albert Deutsch Seriously Hurt
Hanging Clothesline.

Albert Deutsch, a real-estate man, who lives in his own house at No. 128 East Eighty-sixth street, fell from a fourth-story window to-day while hanging a clothesline and was seriously injured.

Deutsch's right arm and hand were broken, and when he was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital Dr. Squires said he believed the man's skull was fractured.

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